

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for rucking netting onto a tube, comprising:  
a frame having an axis,  
means for reciprocating movement along said axis,  
a netting tube having an outside diameter and an axis and releasably attachable to said means for reciprocating movement,  
a second tube having a bore with a first diameter greater than said netting tube outside diameter and demountably alignable co-axially to said netting tube, and  
~~a notch in an end of said second tube forming an annular space with said netting tube,~~  
spring-loaded fingers attached to said frame and extending circumferentially into said axis of said frame, forming a passage through which said netting tube and said second tube move when said netting tube is attached to said platform and said second tube is mounted on said netting tube.
2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1-2, further comprising means to prevent snagging to a netting on said second tube.
3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising 3, ~~whereby said means to prevent snagging comprises~~ a tube cap attached to said second tube and having a tapered surface.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising means to control said means for reciprocating movement.
5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 ~~claim 4~~, whereby said means for reciprocating movement comprises an air-actuated cylinder and an air supply.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising means to control said air-actuated cylinder.
7. (Currently amended) An apparatus for rucking netting onto a tube, comprising:
  - a frame having an axis,
  - a platform attached to means for reciprocating movement along said axis,
  - a netting tube having an outside diameter and an axis and releasably attachable to said platform,
  - a second tube having a bore with a diameter greater than said netting tube outside diameter and demountably alignable co-axially to said netting tube, and
  - spring-loaded fingers attached to said frame and extending circumferentially into said axis of said frame, forming a passage through which said netting tube and said second tube move when said netting tube is attached to said platform and said second tube is mounted on said netting tube, and
  - ~~a tube ring aligned concentric to said bore of said second tube and sliding axially over said netting tube, whereby said tube ring, said second tube, and said netting tube form an annular space.~~

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising means to prevent snagging to said netting on said second tube.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, whereby said means to prevent snagging comprises a tube cap attached to said second tube and having a tapered surface.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising means to control said means for reciprocating.
11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, whereby said means for reciprocating movement comprises an air-actuated cylinder and an air supply.
12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means to control said air-actuated cylinder.
13. (Currently amended) A method of rucking netting onto a netting tube, comprising:  
attaching a netting tube to a moveable platform,  
~~placing a tube ring inside of and concentric to a second tube and sliding said second tube axially over said netting tube,~~  
placing an end of a netting over said second tube,  
~~and whereby said tube ring, said second tube, and said netting tube form an annular space,~~

moving said second tube ~~platform~~ reciprocatingly through spring-loaded fingers.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising ~~tapering an end of said second tube to preventing~~ snagging of said netting.
15. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising placing a tube ring inside of and concentric to said second tube, whereby said tube ring, said second tube, and said netting form an annular space.
16. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a notch in an end of said second tube forming an annular space with said netting tube.
17. (New) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a tube ring aligned concentric to said bore of said second tube and sliding axially over said netting tube, whereby said tube ring, said second tube, and said netting form an annular space.